

We are so glad that you are with us today! Our service will be to praise and worship God and to encourage and uplift us to face another week. We will sing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16), pray (James 5:15-18), and partake of the Lord's Supper to remember our Savior's sacrifice on the cross (Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). We will also give back a portion of the monetary blessings that God has granted us so that we can carry out His work in our community (1 Cor. 16:2, 2 Cor. 9:7). We will also study a lesson from His Word that will hopefully be applicable to our daily lives, so that we can be equipped to handle the pressures of this world and reach those outside of Christ (2 Tim. 2:15). If you are a visitor, please fill out the yellow visitor's card and pass it to the end of the aisle so it can be collected. You are truly an honored guest, so please give us an opportunity to meet you after our services are over! "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Scripture Reading

Song (#589) Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

Song (#291) The Great Physician

Opening Prayer

Song (#349) Ten Thousand Angels

Partake of the Lords Supper

Contribution

Song (#410) He Leadeth Me

Song (PP) Here am I, Lord

Message - "Standing Alone"

Song (#909) There's a Fountain Free

Song (#103) He Had Made Me Glad

Closing Prayer

**Worship Assignments
Sunday Morning**

	February 21st	February 28th
Announcements	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
Scripture Reading	Dalton Stephens	Spencer Hall
Open Prayer	Billy Green	Richard Bohannon
Song Leading	Nathan Collier	Barry Kingsley
Close Prayer	Mark Pettit	Curtis Kingsley
Head Table	Tim Hall	Rob Burton
Assist	R. Kimsey J.Chancey Re.Cochran J. Stephens T. Rochester J. Jenkins E. Mulkey B.Burkewitz	J. Jenkins S. Wright E. Mulkey B. Weeks J. Stephens E. Mullinax T. Rochester M. Hadden
Usher	Tu. Hall M. Hadden J. Chancey Re.Cochran	Sp. Hallo N. Collier J.Cochran L Burton
Greeters	L&B Ferrell J&S Jenkins C. Ledford, P. Ledford	R&T Wood J&A Cole J. Mailen, S. Norton

	Evening	Evening
Announcements	Butch Jones	Butch Jones
Open Prayer	Josh Chancey	Men
Song Leading	Nathan Collier	Men
Close Prayer	Gerald Chancey	Men
Communion	Tim Hall	Rob Burton

	February 24th	March 2nd
Announcements	Rob Burton	Barry Pritchett
Song Leading	Tucker Hall	Josh Chancey
Prayer	Jason Ledford	Daniel Sisson

If you cannot serve, please contact Garry Rittenberry. Copies of all sermons from our pulpit are available on CD for \$1.00 Request sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Let Us Rise Up and Build

Envelopes are available on the back of the pews to make your donation to the Building Fund for the new Fellowship Hall/Education Building. Total funds through 12/28/15 in the Building and Emergency Fund total \$255,933.82. "FILL A CAN" ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP.

Free Bible Correspondence is available by contacting the church office or Judy Mailen at 706-636-3960.

Week of February 14th	
Contribution.....	\$6968
Budget.....	\$6900
Weekly Average YTD.....	\$7157
Bible Study.....	128
AM Worship.....	219
PMWorship.....	159
Wednesday Evening.....	152



Elders
Bob Burton
Curtis Kingsley
Mark Pettit

Deacons
Bob Burkewitz
Rob Burton
Nathan Collier
Dennis Dove
George Hall
Tim Hall
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Barry Pritchett
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Service Times
Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM



February 21, 2016

"Be Like the Bereans"

"These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). The Christians at Berea were given this compliment based on their diligence in both listening with open minds and examining the things that were taught. As a church family, we desire to be a loving group that participates in benevolence and evangelism. In fact, we are always trying to think of new ways to be more effective in our methods of outreach.

I believe that all of these things (and more) can be achieved by applying the attitude and persistence of the Bereans. In the midst all our activities, we sometimes neglect to be as thorough as we need to be in studying the Bible. Paul wrote to Timothy that **"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work"** (II Tim. 3:16-17). If we really know and apply God's Word, all of the things we are seeking to accomplish will be natural outgrowths of that effort. Let's notice the two things that were said about these Christians:

"They received the word with all readiness" - Both the ESV and NIV use the word eagerness in place of readiness indicating that they were excited to hear preaching and anticipated the things that they were about to hear. How many of us show up to Bible class or worship looking forward to what is going to be taught? How many of us simply show up out of obligation so that we seem to be doing what is expected of us?

"They searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" - The church at Berea was excited to hear the Word and just as excited to examine Paul's preaching to see if it was true. There should be challenging things taught from our pulpits that make us re-examine our faith. We should be open-minded enough to understand that we don't know everything AND educated enough to know when we hear something that needs further study.

Let us all seek to be like those noble Bereans and be passionate students of God's Word!

- Jeremy Green

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Phillip Johnson's open heart surgery was successful and he is improving in Kennestone Hospital.

Billy Teems will undergo heart tests on Monday at Piedmont in Atlanta for possible open heart surgery.

Carolyn Howard will be having surgery Tuesday at Piedmont Jasper Hospital for colon cancer.

Jerry Cole underwent a heart cath this past Friday and may possibly require open heart surgery later.

Cleah Boaz is back at home and will continue therapy there.

John Stephens is scheduled for hernia repair on the 25th at Northside Hospital in Canton.

Cici Rivera had surgery February 2nd on her mouth & gums but will require more surgery March 2nd due to the surgery site not healing correctly.

George Hall continues to health issues.

Tom Hall continues to recover from the burn on his leg. He is getting a little stronger each day.

Amanda Holland, Dustin's wife and Donna's daughter in law, is recovering back at home now from gall bladder surgery. To send a note or card: 351 Penland Street Apt 405 Ellijay 30540

Jeff Carns underwent surgery to help his situation until a heart transplant can be found.

Jacqueline Ledford Pittman is recovering from an automobile accident last weekend.

We express our sympathy to the family of *Lonnie Jones* in his passing last week. Please keep his family as well as the Blue Ridge congregation in your prayers.

OTHERS TO REMEMBER

Jeff Carns, Alan & Barbara Cox, Barbara McKee, Zach Pritchett, Lamar Gorman, Bill & Ann Burkett, Gladys Holloway, Opal Corbin, Richard Neal, Genell Cantrell, Edith Hensley, CiCi Rivera, Geneva Holloway, Luisa Varin, Jeremy Ferrell, Hayes Tate, Billy Teems, Brandon Nelson, Glenell Fricks

Please remember to check the printout on the table in the foyer to verify the info we have on record for the church directory is correct. It will be going to the printers next week.

Congratulations to Megan Wilson on receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award this past week. Along with that came scholarships that will help as she starts Harding University this fall.

CANCER PATIENTS

Charles Weeks, Billy Stells, Treet Tilley, Jewell Green, Doris Dean, Carol Stanley, Lisa Macy, Brandy Nicholson, Carolyn McTyre, Hugh Long, Jeff Hunter, Susie Rep



As we begin 2016, thank you to the congregation for increasing your financial contributions for the work of the Lord's church. The January financial report is on the table in the foyer. With all members supporting the work and "practicing our faith everyday" we will continue to grow the church in 2016 and the future.

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

- Seth Carswell, Eli Chastain, Reid Cochran, Steven Giannone, Corey Henry, Jonathan Hensley, Zach Hill, Wayne Jones, Jacob Mahaffey, Evan Pankey, William Pettit, Wilson Pettit, Winston Pettit, Frankie Silva, Canio Sequevia-Cuevas, Eric Spisak, David Taylor, Cameron Trammell, Matthew Upshaw, Kourtney Weeks

Nursing Home Family

Pauline Mullinax, Gladys Logan Shultz and Edith Davis

Cameron Hall Family

Polly Cochran, Alice Crow

We welcome Polly Cochran to Ellijay's church family.



TODAY- Area Wide Youth Winter Series at Boardtown. Meet at our building 4:00 PM, eat at 4:30 PM.

21st -24th -Revival at Central in Dalton with speaker, Keith Parker. More info on the board.

23rd - Ladies Weekly Bible Study, 9:30 AM - 11 AM.

25th - Men's Devo, 9:00 AM

26th - 27th - Family Retreat with Greg Nance.

28th - Men and Ladies Prayer Meeting. Meet in the F. Hall break into groups. 5 PM

Coming in MARCH

4th - L2L Lock-in, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

6th - Snak-n-yak following evening service

12th - Northwest Georgia Men's Training Day. Sign up sheet posted.

14th - Georgia School of Preaching class on "Evangelism" starting. Continues for seven weeks on Monday evenings.

Join us this Friday & Saturday for our Annual Family Retreat



Guest Speaker - Greg Nance

"Practicing Our Faith in the Home"

Friday, February 26

- Dinner - 7:00 PM
- Games - 8:00 PM
- Singing/Devo - 9:00 PM
- Late Night Activity - 10:00 PM

Saturday, February 27

- Breakfast - 8:30 AM
- Singing/Prayer - 9:30 AM
- Guest Speaker - 10:00 AM
- Clean Up/Go Home - 10:45 AM

We are excited to have Greg Nance as the guest speaker for our 2016 Family Retreat. Greg is an alumnus of Harding University and currently serves as the minister for the Signal Mountain Church of Christ. Come discover practical ways to make our faith a priority every day!

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- Genell Cantrell - 22nd
- Lamar Gorman - 22nd
- Wylene Mullinax - 22nd
- Matt Watkins - 22nd
- Madison Messer - 23rd
- Cleah Boaz - 25th

Community Service Project

Working with Gilmer County Food Pantry
See Jeremy or Richard

Men & Ladies Prayer Meeting
February 28
5:00 PM
Fellowship Hall



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CHRISTIANS ABOUT REJUVENATION DIFICATION

Sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board

- Team 1 - Ken White & Garry Rittenberry
- Team 2 - Bob Burkewitz & Curtis Kingsley
- Team 3 - Junior Jenkins & Jason Ledford